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## WVLA CONFERENCE TO FEATURE MOUNTAINS OF KNOWLEDGE

By Yvonne Farley

The WVLA annual conference will be held at the Marriott Town Center in Charleston October 11-13 and the programs are beginning to take shape. This year's theme is "Libraries — Mountains of Knowledge".

Unusual to the annual conference will be this year's Governor's Conference on Library and Information Science which will take place at the same time. WVLA members will have

the opportunity to participate in twice as many activities and benefit from a variety of programs. The Governor's conference should provide some extra razzle-dazzle.

This conference, under the direction of Fred Glazer, Library Commissioner, will draw librarians from all over the world to West Virginia and will feature a reception at the Governor's Mansion on Thursday, October 11 for delegates to the Governor's conference and WVLA members.

The theme for this pre-White House Conference is West Virginia Libraries and the World. Among the notables expected to attend are: Jacques Tocatlian, Director, Office of Information and Services, UNESCO, Paris, France; Bernard Gallivan, Director, Computer and Research Services, National Library of Scotland; Karl Marklund, Editor-in-Chief, Swedish National Encyclopedia; Markku Linna, Director, Department of Higher Education and Research, Republic of Finland; Walter Anderson, the Editor of *Parade* magazine and Anatoly Volid, Ag. Director for the Lenin State Library.

Kaycee Hale, a native West Virginian (Mt. Hope) will present a WVLA pre-conference workshop on Thursday, October 11 on polishing the librarian's personal and professional image.

Friday, October 12, will feature a range of interesting programs for attendees. These include a presentation on EPIC, the new OCLC on-line reference system; a session on preservation by Chuck Broadbent of the Pittsburgh Regional Library Center; a chance for catalogers to meet with John Espley of VTLS; a discussion among library FAX owners; a look at what's new in government documents; and a speech by Gene Lanier, library science professor from North Carolina, and member of ALA's Intellectual Freedom Committee. Also on Friday, Rob Bright of the Children's Television Workshop will



Dr. Caroline Bauer

speak on developing science and math literacy through the use of television.

Saturday's programs will be devoted to children and reading. Dr. Caroline Feller Bauer will present ideas easy and elaborate to bring children and books together from 10:30 a.m. to 12 noon at the Marriott Town Center Ballroom. This will include puppets, magic, banners, toys, posters, stories, poems and more. She will also breakfast with the school section and others who would like to meet her on Saturday morning. It will be possible to register separately for Saturday's programs.

Mr. Lee Elliott, Vice-President, The Millbrook Press, Inc., will offer a presentation of the key findings of a recent nationwide study which polled school librarians, administrators, and library leaders to determine school library trends and key issues facing library media specialists in the 1990s.

In addition, Terri McDougal and Donna Gettys, the dynamic duo from Kanawha County, will be back by popular demand with a workshop on humor in children's literature. For those who missed them at the Charleston Spring Workshop, this is not

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### ALA COUNCIL PASSES RESOLUTIONS

Resolutions supporting full reauthorization of the National Foundation on the Arts and Humanities Act and opposing any lifting of the cultural boycott against South Africa were among those passed by the American Library Association Council at the ALA's Annual Conference in Chicago.

The National Foundation on the Arts and the Humanities Act, which governs the National Endowment for the Arts (NEA), the National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH) and the Institute of Museum Services is up for federal reauthorization this year. The Council's resolution supports full authorization of the act without restrictions. Citing First Amendment rights, Council also resolved to oppose the anti-obscenity pledge NEA applicants are required to sign for funding.

Upholding the South Africa cultural boycott, Council resolved to deny a request from the American Association of Publishers to endorse the "Starvation of Young Black Minds: The Effects of Book Boycotts in South Africa," a report which encourages a lifting of sanctions.

For more information about ALA Council's actions, see the column by Judy Rule in this issue.



## WVLA Conference

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to be missed.

In addition to the programs, there are WVLA business meetings, special meal functions, a ballroom full of exhibits, Midnight Movies, the WVLA Annual Banquet and other such festivities to keep librarians busy. The Governor's Conference is open to everyone and should be colorful and exciting if Fred Glazer is true to form.

WVLA members should be receiving registration materials soon which will have more specific details.

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# CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS REVISION

By Karen Goff

Chair, Constitution and Bylaws Committee

Revising the constitution and bylaws of an organization is similar to organizing your closets; the idea is daunting, the process is drudgery, but the result is satisfying. The Constitution and Bylaws committee approached WVLA's constitutional closet with enthusiasm and determination. All WVLA members will receive a detailed description of the proposed revisions before the conference. Be sure to read through the proposals carefully so you can cast an informed vote at the business meeting.

Several of the proposed revisions merely clarify wording. For example, the committee defined "active" members as those who have paid current year dues. The more significant proposals reflect a consensus that WVLA needs to accommodate subject and geographic interest groups, encourage wider participation, and provide more diverse programming. It was a challenge to accomplish these goals without substantially increasing the size of the Executive Board.

The proposed revisions maintain the sections (renamed Divisions) that now represent distinct fields of library activity and establish Roundtables to promote interests not within the scope of any of the Divisions. Possible special interests are: Automation, Youth Services, Reference, Library Administration, Southern West Virginia (or Eastern, or Central) Libraries. The Roundtables will provide exciting programming possibilities and involve greater numbers of members in program planning and execution.

It is suggested that the existing Friends and Trustees sections combine into one division. An alternative would be for the Friends to form a roundtable. The existing JMRT section will also be designated a Roundtable if the proposals are approved.

Recognizing that reorganization takes time, the Constitution & Bylaws Committee suggests that the proposed revisions do not take effect until 1992. The delay gives members a year to explore various Roundtable possibilities.

There are also several revisions concerning committees, none of which are revolutionary. Of the committees recommended for inclusion in the bylaws, only the Handbook committee is new. The others have all been functioning but were formerly considered "special" committees, not "standing" committees.

Of course no set of constitution and bylaws revisions is complete without recommendations concerning dues. After looking at the dues structure of other organizations, the committee recommends a similar approach. Instead of including the specific amounts for dues in the bylaws, the proposal streamlines the process by removing the dues schedule from the bylaws. It suggests that the dues structure be changed in 1992 and reviewed by the Executive Board in even numbered years beginning with 1994. Changes in the dues structure can not be implemented without the approval of the WVLA membership. This proposal assures regular evaluation of the dues schedule.

Again, please read over the proposed revisions carefully when received. If you have any questions or concerns, call me at the commission (348-3039 or 1-800-642-9021). I'll be glad to talk to you and provide any additional explanation necessary.

## EXHIBITORS LINE UP FOR FALL

The following exhibitors have registered for the WVLA Fall conference in Charleston. According to conference exhibit chairman, Majorie Price, those registered so far include:

EBSCO Subscription Services, The Farnham Co., Follett Software Co., General Research Corporation, Library Systems, Internal Revenue Service, Library Design and Equip-

ment Co., Mountain Memories Books, NEWSBANK, Inc., Pitney Bowes Facsimile Systems, PRLC (Pittsburgh Regional Library Center), Recorded Books Inc., Salam Quality Equipment, Inc., Silver Burdett Press, Sole Source, USA, TPS Micrographics, Trans Allegheny Books, U.S. Census Bureau, World Book-Childcraft, Thomas Built Buses, and OCLC.



## PRESIDENT'S COLUMN

By Tom Brown  
President, WVLA

The headline in the July/August 1990 American Libraries says "At Opening General Session Tom Wolfe explains nearly everything!" and if that accurately reflects what took place, then I suppose this explains why every third person has a different perception of what the point of his speech was. Expressing my third person role, let me tell you what I heard that afternoon.

There was some rather clever manipulation of the language as Wolfe romped through our popular culture and our intellectual life, and some messy/fuzzy comment about how current writers attempt to sum up our age. Then there was the very strong affirmation of the place of American ideals in the creation of the contemporary world scene. We need not be ashamed, he was telling us, that leaders in the renewed Eastern



European block quoted back to us the Declaration of Independence, the preamble to the Constitution, and the Bill of Rights when they described what was going on in their countries. We need rather to be proud of our American intellectual heritage which has served to bring them where they are. It was a remarkable moment at ALA.

I've not forgotten the years when the riots regularly scheduled around the world seemed always to culminate in the smashing of the windows of the local USIS libraries.

Why? Because those libraries are the most visible and dramatic symbol of America and what it stood for. What a moment for pride! Free access to information was equated with being an American.

Elsewhere in this issue is reprinted three resolutions to the delegates of the Governor's Conference on Libraries and Information service. The ideas in those resolutions come from the regional conferences held this year. They come from a full discussion of these ideas held at the last meeting of the Executive Board of your association. They represent concern for the new professional in West Virginia, for equal access for all of our citizens to the full range of ideas and services libraries can offer, and they represent concern and solutions as to how those services will be financed in all our libraries. These are resolutions to bring the best to our future.

Between now and the fall conference you've got time to understand these, to focus your moral imagination on the issues before us, to look for ways to promote the concepts among those in your community who can be agents of change. Our tradition is to represent the most visible, most dramatic symbol of what is the very best in American culture. Right on!



## READING RAINBOW IS BACK

Reading Rainbow is back on public television for its eighth season in 1990, bringing with it an increase demand for the great children's books featured on the program. How can parents and educators locate these popular books? With the Reading Rainbow booklist.

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To order the booklist packet, which includes not only the booklist but a broadcast schedule and full color program descriptions, send \$2.50 to: Booklist, Reading Rainbow, P.O. Box 80669, Lincoln, NE 68501.

## EDITOR'S WORDS

By Yvonne Farley

WVLA's conference in Charleston is beginning to take shape. The fact that it will coincide with the pre-White House Conference should make it busy and interesting. In addition, we will be in downtown Charleston which will create a different atmosphere than Canaan Valley.

Most public librarians are recovering from the Summer Reading Programs in our libraries. I think these programs for children are among our most meaningful work. I would have liked to receive more news from the membership about such programs so that we could share ideas. Next year, try to include in your plans, some photos for this publication and a few highlights from your program that you think other public librarians might like to know about.

The resolutions for the pre-White House Conference are included in this issue. They represent WVLA's position on several issues concerning libraries. These resolutions affect all of us — school, public, academic and special. The resolutions were extracted from your concerns at the regional workshops.

The regional workshops were well attended. Perhaps the threat of not being a delegate to the pre-WHC motivated people. Of course, I didn't make one until I got the flyer for the "Last Round-Up."

There will be two more issues of **WEST VIRGINIA LIBRARIES** after this one — the pre-conference issue and the post-conference one with all of the photos.



## CLARKSBURG LIBRARIAN RECEIVES CHILDREN'S BOOK AWARD

Anna Egan Smucker, a Bridgeport resident, was the recipient of the International Reading Association's Children's Book Award in May at Atlanta.

The librarian/author received the award for *No Star Nights* published in 1989 by Alfred E. Knopf, a division of Random House.

Begun in 1975, the Children's Book Award recognizes an author "who shows unusual promise in the children's book field." Because of the international nature of the IRA, any children's author worldwide is a potential recipient of the award. The Children's Book Award is given in two categories, one for younger readers and one for older readers. Ms. Smucker won the award in the younger reader division.

*No Star Nights* is a moving account of a young girl growing up in a steel town (Weirton) during the 1950s at a time when the steel making way of life seemed as solid and durable as red-hot ingots that rolled continuously out of the mills.

There is a haunting, dreamlike quality to the text and to the marvelous oil illustrations by Stephen "Steve" Johnson, who shared the award with the author. Text and illustration evoke a time that is no more — the springtime of industrial America — "when all night long the sky glowed red."

*No Star Nights* has received critical acclaim from many corners, including *The New York Times*, *The Washington Post*, *Pittsburgh Post Gazette*, *Charleston Gazette*, and a host of smaller newspapers. It has also received excellent reviews in a large number of magazines and catalogues that focus on children's literature and was named a Notable Children's Book of 1989 by the American Library

Association.

Ms. Smucker is the children's librarian at the Clarksburg-Harrison County Library. She will be taking a year's leave of absence from the library to work as Writer in Residence in the Harrison County Schools for 1990-91 school year.



**CHILDREN'S BOOK AWARD RECIPIENTS** — Ms. Anna Egan Smucker, Clarksburg librarian and author and Steve Johnson, illustrator, were recipients of the International Reading Association Children's Book Award for *No Star Nights*.

## WVLA ADOPTS RESOLUTIONS FOR WHITE HOUSE

At the July WVLA Executive Board meeting, the board came up with three resolutions which were drawn from those presented at the regional workshops during the spring. These are resolutions which WVLA now supports and will endorse at the Governor's Conference in Charleston this fall.

### RESOLUTION NO. 1

WHEREAS, in a democratic society all citizens should have equal access to institutions which add to the quality of life and

WHEREAS, the equal development of economic and personnel resources in the State of West Virginia requires equal access to library and information services and,

WHEREAS, West Virginia is a rural state with few major population centers, many small communities, and much hilly terrain making for difficult access, and

WHEREAS, there are a growing number of traditional and electronic resources which no West Virginia library can acquire in total, then be it

RESOLVED, that the State of West Virginia expand existing electronic networks to allow equal access by libraries of all types in all communities, and be it further

RESOLVED, that a State library authority contract for the provision of a broad range of information services on such an electronic network, and be it further

RESOLVED, that libraries look for opportunities for cooperative ventures and resource sharing and be it further

RESOLVED, that core collections of reference materials be developed for all library service levels to assure equal access to quality information service.

### RESOLUTION NO. 2

WHEREAS, graduate librarians qualified to national standards are essential to the provision of quality library and information services, and

WHEREAS, there is a shortage of such appropriately qualified librarians for school, public, special and college libraries in this state, and

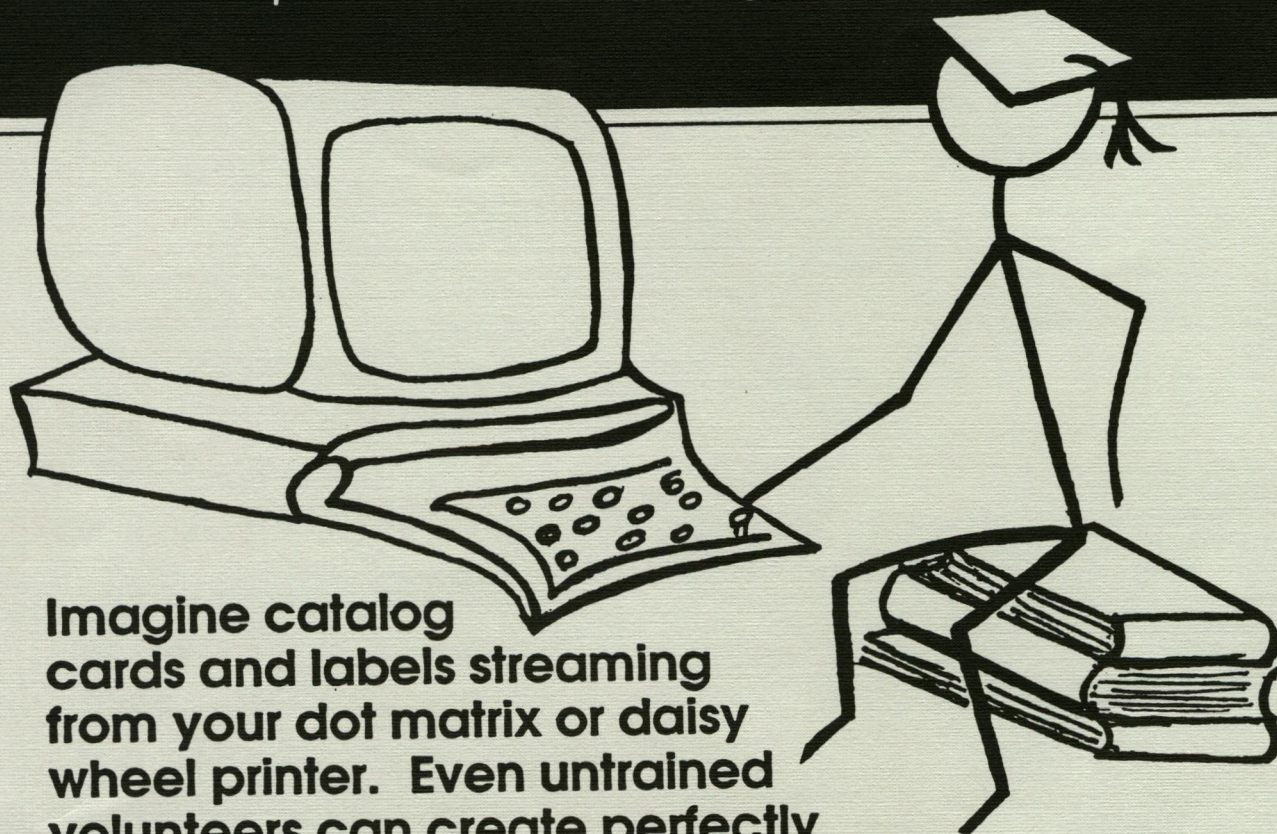
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# DANZIG AND LAMP ARE SCHOOL CANDIDATES

Deborah P. Lamp of Parkersburg and Martha Mae Danzig of Weston are the School Section candidates for Vice Chairperson/Chairperson Elect.

**Danzig** is a graduate of Glenville State College with an AB in Library Science. She holds an MA in Education with an emphasis in Library Science from West Virginia University and has 30 plus graduate hours.

She has been director/librarian of the Learning Resources Center at Lewis County High School for the past 20 years. She has been a member of the Louis Bennett Public Library Board for the past 10 years and has served as its president for the past 8 years.

She is a member of NEA, WVEA, and LCEA. She's also a member of the Weston Business and Professional Women's Club and of the Lewis County Boot and Saddle Club. She's been published twice in *School Librarian's Workshop* and just finished putting the entire LRC collection at LCHS on "Circulation Plus."

Her statement of concern reads: Have you ever seen one of my calling cards? It says "The Librarian who doesn't HORSE around!" Granted, I am an avid horse owner and YES, the pun is intended — I believe in getting the job done, being concerned and working with others to get results. For years, I have been known to voice my opinion and yet work towards a unity goal. I have 22 years as a school librarian, and 10 years working with the public library (the last 8 as President of the Board of Trustees) and I would hope that experience, some wisdom, and expertise would be a valuable asset to the WVLA.

Within my years at Lewis County High School, I have encountered so many aspects of our profession — censorship, getting a detention hall out of the library, lack of consideration in curriculum development, baby sitting services, covering for other teachers, and just general abuse. However, being the WORK HORSE that I am, I also have found books for the handicapped and lugged the Heritage Trunk to every grade school in the county just to see 4th graders eyes light up when they see a butter mold or hear one of my Appalachian stories and my heart warms when the kids smile. That makes it all worth it!

I am willing to work — to see that all librarians in West Virginia have the opportunity, availability, to be heard and I am willing to share my time and abilities to help and assist them and WVLA in any way possible. It will truly be an honor to serve the membership of WVLA."

**Lamp** holds an AB in English and Elementary Education from Glenville State College, a MA in Reading from West Virginia University and a MLS from Marshall University.

Her experience includes 18 years teaching in West Virginia public schools. She began as a secondary English teacher in Morgan County. She moved to Gilmer County where she taught two years at Gilmer County High School and three years at Glenville Elementary. She left there for Wood County where she first taught English. In 1981 she took a job as an elementary librarian, went to Marshall to get her degree and has been working in an elementary library for 9 years. She served as president of the Wood County Library Media Association, on the board of the West Virginia Educational Media Association, and participated in developing

Wood County's curriculum guide for school libraries. She has attended AASL conferences in Minneapolis and Salt Lake City and ALA in San Francisco.

Lamp was born in Montgomery and lived in Smithers until 6th grade when her family moved to Glenville. She's married to F. Graham Lamp and lives in Parkersburg.

Her statement of concern reads: "One of my major concerns as a school librarian is the instability of the program in elementary schools. Elementary librarians, if they do exist in schools, are an endangered species. Junior high librarians are also being pushed into other areas and forced to neglect precious time for library needs. With cutbacks inevitable and the legislature's attitude toward trimming education, school library programs need to find some security. We need to establish our positions as specialists who are necessary, not teachers who are only viewed as planning periods and circulation managers. School libraries at all levels are in precarious positions as we watch cuts in educational funding."

## WVLA AWARDS... LAST CHANCE

Each year one of the highlights of the West Virginia Library Association's conference is the occasion at which the association recognizes accomplishments and achievements in West Virginia library service, publishing, and writing. It is the responsibility of the Resolutions and Awards Committee to select recipients for the awards. Members of the awards committee are Rebecca Van Der Meer, Yvonne Farley and Peggy Bias.

Awards may be conferred on an outstanding West Virginia Library trustee, a librarian, an outstanding citizen who has made a significant contribution to library development, a publisher or an author.

Three awards are given:

- (a) **DISTINGUISHED MERIT AWARD** for service to libraries and librarianship in West Virginia
- (b) **DORA RUTH PARKS AWARD** for long and outstanding service to libraries and librarianship
- (c) **LITERARY MERIT AWARD** for an outstanding publication. It has been the policy to present this award to a West Virginia author. However exceptions may be made if it is believed the person has made an outstanding contribution to Appalachian literature.

The Awards committee is requesting that each of you take this opportunity to give the deserved recognition to someone you know for his or her outstanding work to improve and establish a better library environment. Be sure to enclose the nominee's name, address, telephone number and a description of your nominee's accomplishments within the library field. Include your name and phone number so we may be able to reach you for further input. Mail your recommendations no later than August 30, 1990 to: Rebecca VanDerMeer, WVLA Secretary, 2007 Hudson St., Charleston, WV 25302.



# ALA COUNCILOR'S REPORT: 1990 ALA CONFERENCE

By Judy K. Rule, ALA Councilor

Chicago was delightful during the ALA conference. The weather was in the 70's or low 80's and the meetings were more centrally located than in some years. Having the exhibits at McCormick Place was a help since they were all on one floor and one room. There were almost 20,000 persons in attendance counting both librarians and exhibitors.

Tom Wolfe, best-selling author of *The Bonfire of the Vanities* and *The Right Stuff*, presented the keynote address at the opening session of the Annual Meeting. He discussed the differences between the end of the 1800's and the end of the 1900's in thought and literature. He feels that with the breaching of the Berlin Wall and the decline of Marxism, the United States has won the battle of communism versus liberal democracy.

The ALA Council spent a great deal of time debating ALA's response to the American Association of Publishers request for endorsement of *The Starvation of Young Black Minds: The Effect of Book Boycotts in South Africa*. The anti-apartheid group was in opposition to the intellectual freedom group. Although no one was in favor of apartheid, there seemed to be no middle ground and the debate was often heated. The end result was that ALA reaffirmed its current policy and did not endorse the AAP report.

Another rather long discussion was about smoking vs. non-smoking at ALA meetings. The result of this vote was that smoking was banned at all ALA meetings. I voted against this resolution because I feel that in large rooms where the smokers and non-smokers are divided both groups are accommodated. If there is a small meeting and all participants smoke, they will still not be permitted to according to ALA policy. I think that is unfair.

Another of the major concerns at conference was the growth and development of ALA. The Committee on Organization asked for input at both Council and Membership meetings as to two opposing philosophies — one seeks order, simplicity, control and curtailment of the number of organizational entities and the other, which believes that diversity is ALA's strength, wants more opportunities for members to participate and become involved. There was, of course, no resolution concerning this dilemma.

A resolution was passed urging Congress to reauthorize and fund the National Endowment for the Humanities and National Endowment for the Arts with no restrictions. A media event was held in Grant Park calling attention to ALA's position in this regard.

Patricia Glass Schuman, President, Neal-Schuman Publishers Inc., New York, has been elected president of the American Library Association for the 1991-1992 term. Ms. Schuman will serve as vice president for 1990-1991 and assume the presidency in June 1991 at the end of ALA Annual Conference in Atlanta. A friend of mine, June Garcia, was elected to Vice-President/President Elect of the Public Library Association.

In other action, Council approved an initiative for a special committee to assess library school closures and related issues in light of Columbia University's move to close its School of Library Service. In addition, the Council went on record in opposition to cutbacks for armed forces libraries, supported a case-by-case approach to disaster relief, called for a modification of copyright law eliminating the distinction between published and unpublished quotations, and asked ALA to exercise more control over its name and logo.

There were several West Virginia Librarians in attendance. Many libraries were represented although I saw mostly public and academic librarians there. West Virginia was represented this year in the annual Fun Run by Mary Lou Pratt of Cabell — most of her cheering section didn't make it up in time to cheer during the race but we kept telling her we were there in "spirit"!

The staff at ALA has been working very hard to make the conference more organized and easier to attend — at least the sessions one especially wants to attend. I believe that their efforts paid off at this year's conference as I spent less time in line and waiting than I have for some time. The shuttle bus service was excellent when you consider 20,000 people being transported. There were some excellent programs on a wide range of topics. I would urge you to make plans now to attend the Atlanta Conference next year and see how the rest of the world operates!!!!

## CAUTION! BOOKS AT WORK

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## ALA ANNOUNCES YEAR OF THE LIFETIME READER PHOTO CONTEST

Amateur photographers are invited to capture the joy of reading for the Year of the Lifetime Reader Photo Contest co-sponsored by the American Library Association (ALA) and the Center for the Book, Library of Congress.

U.S. Libraries of all types are eligible to hold contests during Fall 1990, with local winners to be announced during National Book Week, January 20-26, 1991. First-place winners in adult and youth divisions are eligible for national judging.

Pictures must portray the pleasures of lifelong reading — whether at the bus stop or coffee shop, in the park or at the bookstore or (even) at the library.

A national grand prize of \$2000 will be awarded for best overall photograph. The grand-prize winner will also receive a trip to Washington, D.C. and a personal tour of the Library of Congress.

First-, second- and third-place prizes of \$1000, \$500, and \$250 will be given in youth and adult divisions for both color and black and white photos.

National prizes will be announced during National Library Week, April 14-20, 1991. The winning photos will be displayed at the Library of Congress. Libraries are responsible for publicizing local contests and award prizes in keeping with the national rules. Entries are to be judged on the basis of Photographic quality and artistic merit in keeping with the "lifetime reader" theme. Winning entries must be submitted to ALA by February 15, 1991.

Tips on how to organize the contest as well as a sample press release and ready-to-print entry forms are available from the ALA Public Information Office.

## NEW IDEAS IN PUBLIC RELATIONS

By Linda Taft

Chair, WVLA School Section

The West Virginia Information Power Task Force is sponsoring a workshop for school media specialists concerning "New Ideas in Public Relations" on Saturday, November 10 at South Junior High in Morgantown.

Dr. John Wherry, nationally known in the public relations field, will be the presenter. He is president of the Parent Institute, served as executive director of the National School Public Relations Association for thirteen years, organized the National Task Force on Public Confidence, and served as president of the Educational Leaders Consortium. He holds a doctorate in school administration from the University of Kansas and is the author of many professional articles and public relations guides.

The workshop will begin at 9 a.m. with registration and the program will last from 9:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. The registration fee is \$12 and includes lunch. Checks should be made payable to West Virginia Educational Media Association (WVEMA) and must be sent by October 25 to: Becky Phillips, East Fairmont High School, One Orion Lane, Fairmont, WV 26554.

Additional workshop sponsors include the West Virginia Library Association (School Section), West Virginia Elementary School Principals, and West Virginia University, College of Human Resources and Education and Department of Library Science.

## RESOLUTIONS

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WHEREAS, West Virginia has no graduate library and information science program in any of its institutions of higher learning, and

WHEREAS, the salaries of librarians in West Virginia are lower than comparable positions nationally, then be it

RESOLVED, that salary support of librarians in the state be linked to library development in the state, and be it further

RESOLVED, that Federal and State programs be designed for salary support at acceptable minimal levels for entry level professional positions.

### RESOLUTION NO. 3

WHEREAS, all public school students and their teachers should have access to media materials centers which support the school curriculum with print and non-print resources, and

WHEREAS, each library/media center should be served by certified school media specialists, and

WHEREAS, all citizens in West Virginia should be served by strong and physically accessible library and information services, appropriately staffed with qualified professional and non-professional personnel, and

WHEREAS, a strong college and university system assumes the availability of strong library and information services supported by sufficient and qualified professional and non-professional personnel, and

WHEREAS, libraries of all types require consistent and dependable funding, then be it

RESOLVED, that any federal and/or state funding directed at the support of schools require categorical aid for school library media services and resources, and be it further

RESOLVED, that the funding of institutions of higher learning in West Virginia include a mandated percentage of general education funds for the development of library resources, and be it further

RESOLVED, that the United States Library Services and Construction Act be extended, with expanded provisions for maintenance of effort by the State, and be it further

RESOLVED, that the United States Higher Education Act be extended and fully funded, and be it further

RESOLVED, that the National Research and Education Network be funded and all libraries in West Virginia be established as nodes of this network, and be it further

RESOLVED, that funding of Title III of LSCA be increased to fund new technologies and training for the use of same, and be it further

RESOLVED, that the state constitution be amended to allow a simple majority voting to pass a levy, and be it further

RESOLVED, that the West Virginia property tax reappraisal be implemented and allow for state mandated funding of local library service.



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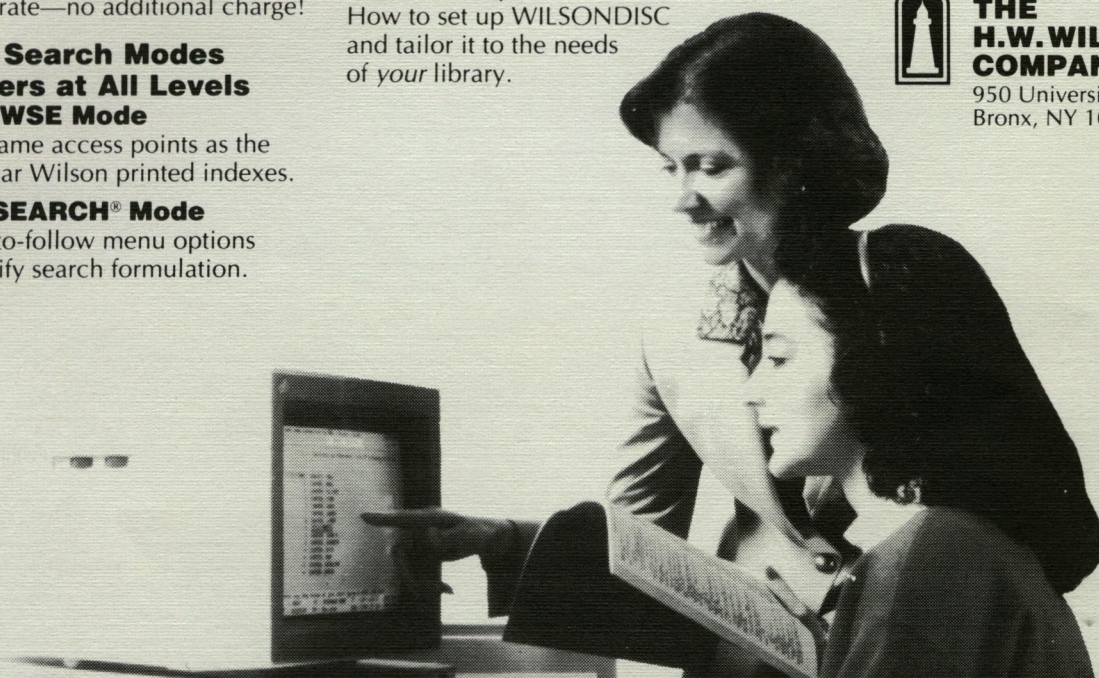
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## PUBLIC SECTION ANNOUNCES CANDIDATES

The Public Library Section has submitted the following slate of candidates for the 1991-1992 term:

### Vice Chair/Chair Elect

Danny McMillion

Linda Wright

### Secretary

Karen Enderle

Judy Lawhon

Danny McMillion has had 15 years experience in library work (1974-1989). She worked for two years as Branch Manager of Marmet/Glasgow libraries in Kanawha County and as Director of the Rainelle Public Library for nine years.

She plans to receive the MLS degree from the University of Kentucky in August and has accepted the position as Director of the Wyoming County Library. Among her honors and awards, she was recognized by the West Virginia Secretary of State for outstanding contributions to library service in West Virginia (1981) and was named citizen of the year by the Meadow River Post (1982). In 1986, McMillion was selected by ALA as one of the ten in the U.S. for adult programming.

A member of WVLA since 1978, she has served as the conference registration chair (1986), was secretary of the public section (1986-87), and acted as chair of the nominating committee (1987).

Her statement of concern reads: "Thirty years ago Daniel Bell predicted that information would become a valuable commodity. The 1990's see this prediction becoming apparent. This will drastically change the way that libraries are viewed and ultimately the way we view ourselves as information professionals. In funding the LSCA this year, the federal government placed emphasis on literacy, conservation and technology. For West Virginia libraries to prosper in the 90's we must become a vital link in the literacy chain and embrace and advance technology in West Virginia. As control of information becomes an economic issue, the role of libraries as bastions of intellectual freedom assumes increasing dimensions. The Public Library Section of WVLA is your

portal to the future of West Virginia's libraries. As your chair I will listen to your concerns, open channels of communication with the leaders of WVLA, and support programs that advance our profession and the rights of persons to the information they need."

**Linda Wright** holds an MLS from Florida State University. She has held the following professional positions: Reference Librarian, Regional Branch Manager and Collection Development Coordinator for the Broward County Library in Ft. Lauderdale, FL (1973-1979); Assistant Director, Gaston-Lincoln Regional Library, Gastonia, NC (1980-1983); Director, Northwestern Regional Library, Elkin, NC (1983-1986); Director, Kanawha County Public Library, 1986-present.

Her statement of concern reads: "I believe the most important challenge that currently faces the Public Library Section is how to meet the diversified needs and interests of various members of the section and yet continue to foster the overall interests of public libraries such as increasing state grant-in-aid support and developing more continuing education opportunities."

**Karen Enderle** has been Library Director at the Louis Bennet Public Library in Weston since May 1990. Karen was the medical librarian at the United Hospital Center in Clarksburg from June 1987 until May 1990. She graduated with a BS from West Virginia Wesleyan College (1984) and received an MLS from Drexel University in 1985.

**Judy Lawhon** has been Library Director at the Pleasants County Public Library in St. Marys since 1985. She was graduated from Kentucky Christian College in Grayson, KY, in 1965 with a BA and has completed 15 hours of library science courses at Marshall University. Prior to her career as a librarian, Judy was a kindergarten teacher in a private school and was employed by the *St. Marys Oracle*, the local newspaper. She is the mother of two.

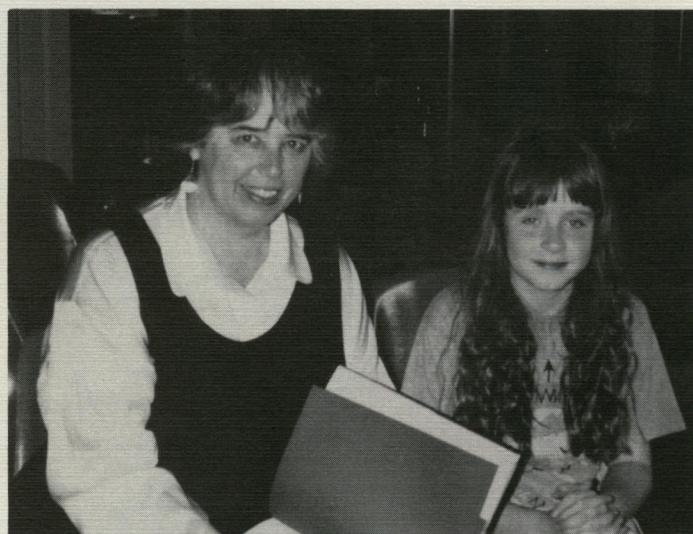
## JANE YOLEN GIVES WALDOMORE PROGRAM

Jane Yolen, one of the most distinguished authors of children's literature, gave a presentation at Waldomore in Clarksburg during July to a large and appreciative audience. Ms. Yolen's appearance was a special event in the Clarksburg-Harrison Public Library's Summer Reading Program. Her presentation was attended by many young fans of her work, as well as many adults interested in writing and in children's literature.

Ms. Yolen is recognized as one of America's most versatile and creative authors. She has written over 100 stories for both children and adults. Her works have garnered numerous awards, including the Kerian Award, the Golden Kite Award, and the World Fantasy Award.

She began her presentation by reading her book *Owl Moon* winner of the prestigious Caldecott Medal. The audience received a special treat when Ms. Yolen's husband, David Stemple, an expert bird caller, made the owl calls during the appropriate times in the story that recounted a cold, winter night spent owling. Ms. Yolen followed her reading with excerpts from one of her newly published books titled *Baby Bear's Bedtime Book*. In great storyteller style, Ms. Yolen dramatically told her story "Sleeping Ugly", a reversal of the traditional fairy tale "Sleeping Beauty".

Questions about writing, about specific books, and about being an author were asked by children and adults in the audience. A reception sponsored by the Friends of the Library concluded the stimulating and inspiring program.





## Wanted!!!! WVLA Scholarship Applicants

By Pam Ford, Chair  
Scholarship Committee

The association and the membership have been very responsive to our requests for donations to a Scholarship Fund being instituted by WVLA this year. Now is the time for all you struggling graduate student/WVLA members to come forward and make become known. Accompanying this article is the form to fill out for application for one of the WVLA Scholarship stipends to be presented this year at the annual conference. The number and amount of the stipends will depend on the number of qualified applicants.

This scholarship fund is designed

to assist WVLA members who are enrolled in an ALA accredited master's degree program. The purpose is to encourage WVLA members to obtain MLS degrees. In this way, we will be enhancing librarianship in the State of West Virginia.

Applicants must currently be a member of WVLA and have been a member for at least one year. Applicants must submit to the committee the following:

1. Application form.
2. Proof of acceptance into an ALA accredited MLS program.
3. A 250 word (one page, double-spaced) essay concerning his or her professional goals.

Successful applicants need to demonstrate a commitment to librarianship in the state of West Virginia. All application materials must be received by September 15, 1990 to be considered. Send all application materials to the address on the application form.

The committee would like to establish a pool of librarians to act as mentors for scholarship participants who request such support. Librarians who have been through the struggle of obtaining an MLS and who would be willing to serve in this capacity, please send your name, address and telephone number to: Pamela Ford, Catalog Librarian, Marshall University, 400 Hal Greer Blvd., Huntington, WV 25755.

## WLVA SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

### PERSONAL INFORMATION

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Member of WVLA? \_\_\_\_\_ years/months

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone (home) \_\_\_\_\_ (work) \_\_\_\_\_

Library or School Affiliation \_\_\_\_\_

### EDUCATION

High School \_\_\_\_\_ Location \_\_\_\_\_

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How will this scholarship assist you?

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### NAMES, ADDRESSES & PHONE NUMBERS OF THREE REFERENCES (At least one reference must be a professional librarian.)

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**YOUR APPLICATION MUST BE RECEIVED BY SEPTEMBER 15, 1990 OR IT WILL NOT BE CONSIDERED.**

SEND APPLICATION TO: Pamela Ford, Continuing Education Committee, James E. Morrow Library, Marshall University, 400 Hal Greer Blvd., Huntington, WV 25755.



# KANAWHA HAS CHILDREN'S CONCERT

More than 200 children, accompanied by parents and grandparents, attended a free children's concert given at the August finale of Kanawha County Public Library System's Summer Reading Program.

Larry Groce, host of West Virginia Public Radio's Mountain Stage, gave the concert in the Capitol Plaza Music Hall which is located across the street from the Charleston library.

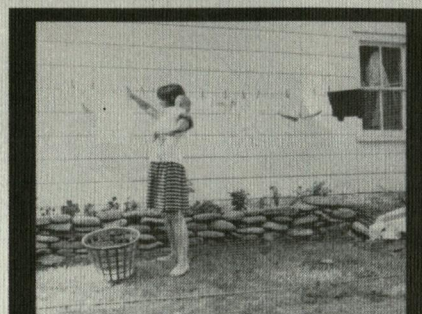
"We were thrilled with the turnout," said Terri McDougal, the system's director of children's services.

Groce performed lighthearted songs about bugs, frogs, and turkeys in addition to favorites like "Oh Susannah". He played guitar and dulcimer and was joined on one number by *Gazette* music critic Michael Lipton on the rub board.

Special end of summer parties were held at all the KCPL branches with the Charleston Concert as the Grand Finale.

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